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SUBJECT: USGS ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN

REF: A. KHARTOUM 2453, B. STATE 185593

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ADVANCE COPY OF USGS-GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (GMRD) PROPOSALS FOR JOINT PROGRAMS. DOCUMENT IS 21 PAGES LONG AND WE SHALL POUCH IT TO DEPT (AF/E) FOR TRANSMISSION TO USGS. ADVANCE COPY WAS PROVIDED BY GMRD. OFFICIAL COPY WILL BE SENT TO EMBASSY BY FONMIN UNDER COVER FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE.

2. ADVANCE COPY OF PROPOSALS FOR JOINT PROGRAMS WAS SENT TO CHARGE BY YOUSIF SULEIMAN, ACTING DG GMRD. IN HIS LETTER HE REFERRED TO MEETING HELD AUG 16 (REF A). SULEIMAN WROTE: "...THE DISCUSSIONS HELD, WERE MOST INFORMATIVE AND FRUITFUL AND WE SINCERELY LOOK FORWARD TO THE POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND THE USGS.

"IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO CONVEY TO YOU THAT HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH H.E. THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, PLANNING & NATIONAL ECONOMIC (SIC) WELCOME YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT PROGRAMME BETWEEN USGS AND GMRD ON THE BASIS OUTLINES (SIC) IN YOUR LETTER." (LETTER REFERRED TO IS LETTER FROM EMBASSY TO MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY CONTAINING SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS REF B.)

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3. GMRD DOCUMENT BEING POUCHED INCLUDES BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEPARTMENT AND REVIEW OF ITS CURRENT DUTIES AND PROGRAMS. IT THEN SPECIFIES SEVERAL PROGRAMS ALONG LINES INDICATED REF A. THESE INCLUDE INTEGRATED SURVEYS OF GEOLOGICAL MAPPING AND MINERAL EXPLORATION, GEOLOGICAL MAP OF SUDAN USING SATELLITE IMAGERIES, REQUESTS FOR SPECIALISTS AND TECHNICIANS, AND REQUESTS FOR LABORATORIES AND EQUIPMENT.

4. COMMENT: GMRD EAGER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH USGS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. WE NOTE THAT NEITHER COVERING LETTER NOR JOINT PROGRAM PROPOSALS SPECIFIED HOW PROGRAM IS TO BE FINANCED. ON OTHER HAND, LETTER DOES REFER TO MINISTER OF FINANCE "WELCOMING" OUR PROPOSAL. HOPEFULLY, PROGRAM PROPOSALS DOCUMENT BEING POUCHED WILL PROVIDE MOST OF INFO REQUESTED BY USGS IN REF B. WE SHALL INFORM DEPT WHEN OFFICIAL COPY OF PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM FONMIN.

5. IN RELATED MATTER REF B MENTIONED THAT COPY OF USGS DOCUMENTS SHOWING SCOPE OF USGS DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THEM. IN MEANTIME, WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE COPY OF MINING AND MINERAL RESOURCES POLICY ACT (1970) AND PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WHICH MENTIONED PARA 4, REF B. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT. REQUESTED POUCH COPY OF REQUESTED DOCUMENTS; WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT CABLING TEXT SECTION 607 ASAP.
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